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### Background Documents and Links:

[FY2008 Subcommittee Allocations – 302\(b\)s](#), Committee on Appropriations, June 5, 2007

[CRS FY 2008 Status Table of Appropriations](#)

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	FY 2007 Enacted	FY 2008 President	FY 2008 Allocation	Compared to FY 2007	
				Dollar	Percent
Military Construction, Veterans	49,752	60,745	64,745	14,993	30.1%
Homeland Security	31,905	34,191	36,254	4,349	13.6%
State, Foreign Operations	31,277	34,943	34,243	2,966	9.5%
Defense	419,612	462,879	459,332	39,720	9.5%
<b>Total Security Funding</b>	<b>532,546</b>	<b>592,758</b>	<b>594,574</b>	<b>62,028</b>	<b>11.6%</b>
Financial Services & Gen Gov't	19,518	21,678	21,028	1,510	7.7%
Transportation, HUD	47,538	47,963	50,738	3,200	6.7%
Legislative Branch	3,773	4,331	4,024	251	6.7%
Commerce, Justice, Science	50,344	51,241	53,551	3,206	6.4%
Agriculture	17,774	17,835	18,825	1,051	5.9%
Labor, HHS, Education	144,522	140,920	151,112	6,590	4.6%
Interior, Environment	26,405	25,650	27,598	1,193	4.5%
Energy & Water	30,298	30,473	31,603	1,305	4.3%
<b>Total Non-Security Domestic Funding</b>	<b>340,172</b>	<b>340,091</b>	<b>358,478</b>	<b>18,306</b>	<b>5.4%</b>
<b>Total Discretionary Spending</b>	<b>872,718</b>	<b>932,849</b>	<b>953,053</b>	<b>80,334</b>	<b>9.2%</b>

**H.R. 2638 – DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008** (*Rep. Price (NC) – Appropriations*) (*Subject to a Rule*)

**Bill Text:** [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)  
[Bill Summary and Status](#)

**Rule Committee Meeting:** Monday, June 11, 2007 at 4:30pm in H-313, The Capitol, [Special Announcement](#)

**Committee:** [Committee on Appropriations](#)

**Committee Staff Contact:** 5-2771

**LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:**

**Bill Total:**

**2007 Enacted:** \$33.7 billion (does not include supplemental)

**President's Request:** \$34.2 billion

**Committee Mark:** \$36.3 billion

**KEY INVESTMENTS**

- **First Responder and Port Security Grant Programs:** \$4.52 billion, \$1.97 billion above President's request and \$863 million above 2007. These grants were funded at \$4.92 billion in 2004 and have been cut every year since even as homeland security costs have continued to rise.
- **REAL ID Grants:** \$50 million, not funded in 2007 or in President's request, to help states to comply with REAL ID, an unfunded mandate requiring state licenses to meet new standards.
- **Transportation Security Administration:** \$6.62 billion, \$307 million above 2007 and \$219 million above President's request. This includes Explosive Detection System: \$849 million and Air Cargo Explosive Screening: \$78 million.
- **Customs and Border Protection:** \$8.8 billion, \$50 million above President's request and \$797 million above 2007. This includes \$1 billion for border security fencing and tactical infrastructure and 3,000 additional border patrol agents.
- **Immigration and Customs Enforcement:** \$4.8 billion, \$322 million above 2007 and \$15 million above President's request.
- **US-VISIT:** \$462 million, \$99 million above 2007 and matching President's request, for tracking foreign visitors to the U.S. \$230 million is withheld until DHS provides a complete schedule for the exit program or a certification that it cannot be implemented within five years, as well as a detailed accounting of operations and maintenance and contractor costs.
- **Infrastructure Protection:** \$272 million, \$32 million above President's request and \$44 million above 2007 to identify critical infrastructure, and assess security vulnerabilities.
- **FEMA Management:** \$685 million, \$17 million above President's request and \$150 million above 2007, including funding for regional offices tasked with helping state and locals prepare for and respond to disasters.
- **Disaster Relief Fund:** \$1.7 billion, equal to President's request and \$200 million above 2007, for assistance to state and local governments following a declared disaster or emergency.
- **Flood Map Modernization:** \$230 million, \$35 million above President's request and \$31million above 2007, to modernize and digitize over 100,000 flood maps used to determine rates for National Flood Insurance Program.
- **Pre-Disaster Mitigation:** \$120 million, \$20 million above President's request and 2007, for projects that reduce the risks associated with disasters.

## SIGNIFICANT CUTS

- **Deepwater:** \$197 million below President's request for the Coast Guard's Deepwater acquisition program with reductions to projects with high carryover funding and to projects where the lead asset has not yet been tested.
- **DHS Departmental Operations:** \$923 million, \$72 million below the President's request, the same level as enacted in 2007.
- **Emergency Telecommunications:** \$128.5 million for future wireless emergency systems that DHS proposed expanding by 350% but had not justified or clearly planned.
- **Science and Technology:** \$777 million, \$22 million below President's request and \$19 million above 2007, cut because 1/3 of authorized staff positions are vacant and purchase of new BioWatch air-monitoring systems will not occur until a study on their effectiveness is completed.
- **Domestic Nuclear Detection Office:** \$516 million, \$46 million below President's request and \$35 million above 2007. Cuts are made to the request due to staff vacancies, plans to purchase fewer next generation portal monitors than originally estimated, and cuts to the Securing the Cities program because there is not agreement on how it will operate.

## OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS

- **Competition:** Requires that all grant and contract funds be obligated through a full and open competitive process except where other funding distribution mechanisms are in statute and allows DHS Secretary to waive this requirement in emergencies.
- **Davis-Bacon:** Prohibits using grant and contract funds for projects that do not comply with the Davis-Bacon mandate, that federal contractors pay workers no less than the local prevailing wage. President may suspend this provision during a national emergency.
- **Chemical Security:** Allows state and local governments to set chemical security rules that are stronger than the federal government's and sets information protection standards for chemical facility vulnerability and site security plans.

### Committee Documents:

[Summary: FY 2008 Homeland Security Bill, Full Committee Markup](#)

### House Report 110-181:

[HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

### Full Committee Mark-up:

Full Committee Meeting, Homeland Security Markup, June 5, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

### Summary of Committee Votes:

- Rep. Price Manager's Amendment – added a section prohibiting the funds made available in the bill from being used to enforce public law if the assistant secretary of the TSA determines that butane lighters are not a significant threat to civil aviation security. It added a section to the U.S. Code authorizing a fine of as much as \$10,000 for employers who fail to reclaim an airport security badge or other identifier used to obtain access to a secure area. The amendment added language urging the TSA to ensure that Coast Guard and terminal operators work closely with local port police to develop operational procedures. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Rogers Reduce Spending Amendment – would have reduced all discretionary spending in the bill by 5.7 percent. **Rejected 27-38: R 27-1; D 0-37.**
- Rep. D. Weldon Background Checks Amendment – barred using funds in the bill for the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services to grant an immigration benefit to any individual unless all criminal history and other background checks required for the benefit have been completed. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Rogers Cap on Screeners Amendment – would have capped the number of full-time equivalent TSA airport screeners at 45,000. **Rejected 27-38: R 27-1; D 0-37.**

- Rep. Carter Fencing or Tactical Infrastructure Amendment – would have prohibited the obligation of any funds in the bill for fencing or tactical infrastructure on lands administered by the National Park Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Forest Service, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, or the Bureau of Land Management unless the Homeland Security secretary coordinates such decision with that agency, and makes every effort to minimize impacts on wildlife and natural resources. **Rejected 28-37: R 28-0; D 0-37.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

#### **Subcommittee on Homeland Security Mark-up:**

Subcommittee Markup, May 18, 3007

[National Journal Report](#)

**Opening Statement:** [Chairman Price](#)

**Summary of Committee Votes:**

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives by **Voice Vote.**

#### **CRS Reports:**

[RL34004](#): Homeland Security Department: FY2008 Request for Appropriations

#### **GAO Reports:**

[GAO-07-504T](#): Secure Border Initiative: SBInet Planning and Management Improvements Needed to Control Risks, February 27, 2007

[GAO-07-499T](#): US-VISIT Has Not Fully Met Expectations and Longstanding Program Management Challenges Need to Be Addressed, February 16, 2007

[GAO-07-386T](#): Homeland Security: Applying Risk Management Principles to Guide Federal Investments, , February 7, 2007

[GAO-07-442T](#): Passenger Rail Security: Federal Strategy and Enhanced Coordination Needed to Prioritize and Guide Security Efforts, February 6, 2007

[GAO-07-398T](#): Homeland Security: Management and Programmatic Challenges Facing the Department of Homeland Security, February 6, 2007

#### **Organization Statements:**

(TBA)

#### **Administration Position:**

(TBA)

#### **Fact Sheets & Talking Points:**

(TBA)

#### **Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:**

[Homeland Security Department budget site](#)

**H.R.\_\_\_\_ - 2008 MILITARY CONSTRUCTION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS APPROPRIATIONS** (Rep. Edwards - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

**Bill Text:** HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status

**Rule Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 2:00pm in H-313, The Capitol

**Committee:** [Committee on Appropriations](#)

**Committee Staff Contact:** 5-2771

**LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:**

**Bill Total**

**2007 Enacted:** \$52.9 billion (Includes \$3.1 billion in supplemental funding for BRAC)

**President's Request:** \$60.7 billion

**Committee Mark:** \$64.7 billion

**DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS:** \$43.2 billion, \$6.7 billion above 2007 and \$3.8 billion over President's request for veterans' medical care, claims processing personnel, and facility improvements.

- **Veterans Health Administration,** \$37.1 billion, \$2.5 billion over President's request and \$4.4 billion over 2007 for veteran's medical care. Veterans Health Administration estimates they will treat more than 5.8 million patients in 2008 including more than 263,345 veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan, 54,000 more than fiscal year 2007. This funding includes:
  - **Medical Services:** \$28.9 billion to improve access to medical services.
  - **Medical Facilities:** \$4.1 billion, \$508 million above President's request and \$530 million above 2007 for on-going maintenance and renovations of existing facilities to address identified shortfalls and to ensure the Department's facilities remain capable of delivering excellent medicine.
  - **Medical and Prosthetic Research:** \$480 million, \$69 million above President's request and \$66 million above 2007 for research to improve the quality of life for injured and aging veterans. The increase will help to attack the emerging issues facing those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan.
- **Major Construction:** \$1.4 billion, \$683 million above 2007 to fulfill the Department's commitment to fund recommendations made by the Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission.
- **Extended Care Facilities:** \$165 million for grants to states for construction and modification of extended care facilities.
- **General Operating Expenses:** \$1.6 billion, \$127 million over President's request and \$117 million above 2007 to enable the Department to hire roughly 1,100 additional claims processors to work-down the backlog of benefits claims and to reduce the time to process new claims.
- **Information Technology,** \$1.9 billion, \$645 million above 2007, matching President's request to improve the health records system to help ensure that medical information follows patients as they transition from the Department of Defense health system to the VA health system.
- **Phone and Web Assistance:** \$5 million is included within General Operating Expenses for the Department to establish a toll-free telephone number and web page to make it easier for veterans to get assistance and provide feedback.
- **Inspector General:** \$76.5 million, \$5.9 million above 2007 and \$3.9 million over President's request, reversing a three-year decline in staffing for the Office.

**MILITARY CONSTRUCTION:** \$21.4 billion, \$207 million over Administration's request, and \$5.1 billion above 2007 (including BRAC in supplemental). The historic increase is largely due to costs associated with Base Realignment and Closure and plans to increase the size of the Army and Marine Corps.

- **2005 BRAC and Re-stationing:** \$8.2 billion, \$2.5 billion above 2007 and matching President's request to implement base closures and realignments, as well as the re-stationing of 70,000 troops and their families from overseas to the U.S.
- **1990 BRAC:** \$271 million, \$18 million above 2007 and \$50 million above President's request to address an estimated \$3.5 billion backlog in needed environmental cleanup for bases closed during the four previous BRAC rounds identified in most recent Defense Environmental Programs Annual Report.
- **Military Housing:** \$2.9 billion, fully funding President's request for military housing, supporting the elimination of a further 13,727 inadequate family housing units.
- **Growing the Force:** \$2.8 billion to support the Administration's proposal to increase the size of the Army by 65,000, the Marine Corps by 27,000, and the Guard and Reserve by 9,200 over the next five years.

#### **OTHER IMPORTANT POLICY ITEMS**

- **Increased Oversight:** Requires multiple reports how funds are spent and additional Congressional notifications and approvals of transfers and reprogrammings.
- **Future Planning:** Directs the Congressional Budget Office to report on future funding needs for the Department to provide medical care. The Administration's budget predicts that the Veterans Health Administration will need less funding in future years.
- **Improving Records:** Requires VA's Electronic Medical Records be interoperable with the Department of Defense's medical records system.
- **Psychiatric Care:** Prevents a decrease in inpatient beds at facilities with a waiting list for inpatient psychiatric care.

#### **Committee Documents:**

[Summary: FY 2008 Military Construction and Veterans Affairs Bill](#)

#### **House Report:**

HTML Version, PDF Version

#### **Full Committee Mark-up:**

Full Committee Meeting, Military Construction, Veterans Affairs Markup – FY 2008  
Appropriations, June 6, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

[Webcast of Hearing](#)

#### **Summary of Committee Votes:**

- [Rep. Farr FEMA Trailers for Homeless Vets Amendment](#) – added language to the report that will accompany the bill directing the secretary of Veterans Affairs to work with FEMA to study the feasibility of using FEMA's surplus trailers for the housing of the estimated 200,000 homeless veterans in the United States. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- [Rep. Udall Tribal Eligibility for Veterans Cemetery Grants Amendment](#) – added report language noting that American Indian tribes are now eligible for the State Veterans Cemetery

Grant and encouraging the VA to update relevant information and, whenever possible, alert tribes of their eligibility. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**

- Rep. Kirk Excess Property at Reserve Centers Amendment – added report language requesting the secretary of Defense to submit a report no later than Feb. 1, 2008, on excess property at reserve centers realigned in the 2005 Base Closing and Realignment round. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Udall Office of Rural Health Amendment – added report language urging the Department of Veterans Affairs to establish an Office of Rural Health. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Roll Call Vote of 56-0: R 26-0; D 30-0.**

**Subcommittee on Military Construction, Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Mark-up:**

Subcommittee Markup, May 22, 3007

[National Journal Report](#)

**Opening Statement:** [Chairman Edwards](#)

**Summary of Committee Votes:**

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives by **Voice Vote.**

**CRS Reports:**

(TBA)

**GAO Reports:**

(TBA)

**Organization Statements:**

(TBA)

**Administration Position:**

(TBA)

**Fact Sheets & Talking Points:**

(TBA)

**Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:**

[Defense Department budget site](#)

[DOD Military Construction, Family Housing, and BRAC budget summary](#)

[Department of Veterans Affairs budget site](#)



**H.R.\_\_\_\_\_ - 2008 ENERGY AND WATER APPROPRIATIONS** (Rep. Visclosky - Appropriations) (Subject to a Rule)

**Bill Text:** [HTML Version](#), [PDF Version](#)

[Bill Summary and Status](#)

**Rule Committee Meeting:** Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 2:00pm in H-313, The Capitol

**Committee:** [Committee on Appropriations](#)

**Committee Staff Contact:** 5-2771

**LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:**

Bill Total

**2007 Enacted:** \$30.3 billion

**President's Request:** \$30.5 billion

**Committee Mark:** \$31.6 billion

**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY:** \$25.243 billion, \$1.150 billion above 2007 and \$480 million above the President's request.

- **Office of Science:** \$4.516 billion, \$116.2 million above President's request and \$716.8 million above 2007 for basic scientific research, supporting 3,500 additional researchers and allowing almost all of the science facilities to operate at maximum capacity.
- **Reducing Our Dependence on Foreign Oil in a Way that Cuts Greenhouse Gas Emissions:** \$1.9 billion, \$638 million above President's request and \$400 million above 2007 for energy efficiency and renewable energy programs.
- **Nuclear Energy (Non-GNEP):** \$639.2 million, \$232.5 million above President's request and \$324.5 million above 2007 including funding for a Next Generation Nuclear Power Plant at the Idaho National Lab that will use safer, more efficient technology.
- **Fossil Energy:** \$708.8 million, \$142 million above President's request and \$116.2 million above 2007 for: demonstration of technology that captures carbon exhaust as recommended in the MIT Coal report; improvements to existing coal power plants that were zeroed in the request; and the FutureGen initiative to create the world's first zero-emissions fossil fuel plant.
- **Environmental Clean-up:** \$6.671 billion, \$358.8 million above President's request and \$30.9 million below 2007 to clean up contamination from 60 years of manufacturing nuclear weapons and various cancelled projects for handling spent nuclear fuel.
- **Nuclear Nonproliferation:** \$1.684 billion, \$11 million above President's request and \$.3 million above 2007 bringing total available funding for nonproliferation to \$2.07 billion due to \$387 million available from prior years.
  - **International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Nuclear Fuel Bank:** \$100 million to establish an IAEA nuclear fuel bank to create a reliable source of nuclear fuel for countries should their traditional sources be interrupted. This would eliminate the need for countries to develop their own nuclear fuel uranium enrichment programs.
- **Yucca Mountain:** \$494.5 million, \$48.8 million above 2007, matching President's request for nuclear waste disposal.



**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS:** \$5.584 billion, \$246 million above 2007 and \$713.4 million above the President's request.

- **Operations and Maintenance:** \$2.655 billion to address an over \$1 billion backlog of operations and maintenance needs to sustain the coastal and inland navigation infrastructure critical to the U.S. economy.
- **Construction:** \$2.009 billion for projects including on-going measures to address gaps in flood protection put in the spotlight after the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.
- **Hydropower:** \$95 million to repair and update hydropower dams to increase energy production.
- **Management Reforms:** Continues management reforms instituted at the Corps of Engineers, including the requirement for five-year plans and limitations on reprogramming and contracting methods.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR** - Bureau of Reclamation and Central Utah Project: \$1.073 billion, \$72 million above President's request and \$13.9 million above 2007 for dams, canals, water treatment and conservation, and rural water projects.

#### **SIGNIFICANT CUTS**

- **Strategic Petroleum Reserve:** \$163.5 million, \$168.1 million below President's request and \$1 million below 2007, rejecting the President's proposal to double the size of the Strategic Petroleum Reserve so as to instead invest in conservation measures and alternative fuels.
- **Global Nuclear Energy Partnership (GNEP):** \$120 million, \$285 million below President's request and \$47.5 million below 2007 for the initiative to reprocess spent nuclear fuel and burn long-lived radioactive materials.
- **Weapons Programs:** \$5.9 billion, \$632 million below President's request and \$396 million below 2007 with cuts to 37 specific weapons program accounts.
- **Mixed Oxide Fuel Fabrication Facility (MOX):** \$167.8 million, cut \$263.5 million below President's request and \$115.1 million below 2007 because the Administration asked for more than could be spent in 2008 and last year's funds are sufficient to continue construction.

#### **Committee Documents:**

[Summary: FY 2008 Energy and Water Bill](#)

#### **House Report:**

HTML Version, PDF Version

#### **Full Committee Mark-up:**

Full Committee Meeting, Energy and Water Markup – FY 2008 Appropriations, June 6, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

[Webcast of Hearing](#)

#### **Summary of Committee Votes:**

- [Hinchey, 2005 Energy Law Streamlining Amendment](#) – would have prevented funds in the 2005 energy law from use by the secretary of Energy to designate any area as a national interest electric transmission corridor. It also would have prevented funds from use by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for eminent domain claims. **Rejected 30-35: R 6-22; D 24-13.**

- [Rep. Peterson Clean Coal Technology Amendment](#) – would have provided an additional \$14 million for clean coal technology research through the Department of Energy. It would have amended the committee report to specify that \$11.5 million of the increase be used for research grants to universities and \$2.5 million of the increase be used for oil and gas technology transfer. **Rejected by Voice Vote.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, by **Voice Vote.**

**Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development Mark-up:**

Subcommittee Markup, May 23, 3007

[National Journal Report](#)

**Opening Statement:** [Chairman Visclosky](#)

**Summary of Roll Call Votes:**

- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives by **Voice Vote.**

**CRS Reports:**

[RL34009](#): Energy and Water Development: FY2008 Appropriations

**GAO Reports:**

[GAO-07-310](#): High Risk Series: An Update, January, 2007

**Organization Statements:**

(TBA)

**Administration Position:**

(TBA)

**Fact Sheets & Talking Points:**

(TBA)

**Press Releases & News Articles:**

(TBA)

**Press Releases, News Articles & Related Information:**

[The Future of Coal Report](#), Massachusetts Institute of Technology, 2007

[FutureGen initiative](#), Department of Energy

[Energy Department budget site](#)

[Army Corps of Engineers proposal](#)

[Interior Department's Bureau of Reclamation budget site](#)

[Appalachian Regional Commission budget summary](#)

[Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board budget summary](#)

[Nuclear Regulatory Commission budget site](#)

[Nuclear Waste Technical Review Board budget proposal](#)

**H.R.\_\_\_\_ - 2008 INTERIOR AND THE ENVIRONMENT APPROPRIATIONS** (Rep. Dicks - Appropriations)  
(Subject to a Rule)

**Bill Text:** HTML Version, PDF Version

Bill Summary and Status

**Rule Committee Meeting:** Wednesday, June 13, 2007 at 2:00pm in H-313, The Capitol

**Committee:** [Committee on Appropriations](#)

**Committee Staff Contact:** 5-2771

**LEGISLATION AT A GLANCE:**

Bill Total

**2007 Enacted:** \$26.405 billion

**President's Request:** \$25.652 billion

**Committee Mark:** \$27.598 billion

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY:** \$8.086 billion, \$361 million above 2007 and \$887 million above President's request which would have cut the agency by over a half billion dollars.

- **EPA Enforcement:** \$569 million to ensure that environmental laws and regulations are followed.
- **Climate Change:** This includes \$266 million for core scientific research, \$50 million for the Commission on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation and \$2 million to develop regulations to reduce green house gases following this spring's Supreme Court decision that the EPA has such authority under the Clean Air Act.
- **Water Infrastructure:** This includes \$1.1 billion in funding for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund and \$140 million for Sewer and Water Grants (STAG).
- **Rural Water Technical Assistance:** This includes \$16 million, eliminated in the President's request, for technical assistance for rural drinking water and wastewater treatment plants.
- **Cleaning Up Great Water Bodies:** This includes \$174 million to clean up America's waters including the Chesapeake Bay, the Great Lakes, Long Island Sound, Puget Sound and other important targeted watersheds.
- **Clean Air:** This includes \$50 million for the Diesel Emission Reduction Program, \$220 million for grants for state and regional efforts to implement the Clean Air Act, restoring funding to the 2006 level and \$52 million for Energy Star, the program that evaluates and promotes products for energy efficiency.
- **Hazardous and Toxic Cleanup:** This includes \$600 million to clean up Superfund Sites, \$118 million for grants to inspect and clean up pollution from underground storage tanks, \$100 million for evaluation and cleanup of former industrial and commercial sites and \$50 million in grants to states to administer Brownfield programs.
- **Environmental Justice:** This includes \$7 million to ensure that environmental decisions and EPA programs do not unfairly affect minority populations.

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR:** \$10.163 billion, \$257 million above 2007 and \$450 million above the President's request.

- **National Parks:** \$2.512 billion, \$223 million above 2007 and \$148 million above the President's request, the first step in a 10-year program to upgrade our parks in time for the centennial anniversary of the National Park Service in 2016.

- **Bureau of Indian Affairs:** \$2.347 billion, \$39 million above 2007 and \$118 million above the President's request. This includes \$35 million for programs at the Bureau of Indian Affairs and Indian Health Services for combating methamphetamine in Indian country and \$699 million to improve education ranging from elementary and secondary schools to adult education.
- **Indian Health Service:** \$3.384 billion, \$204 million above 2007 and \$114 million above the President's request, to improve healthcare access and quality for Native Americans.
- **Fighting Wildfires:** \$2.8 billion, \$199 million above 2007 and \$111 million above President's request to prevent and fight wildfires.
- **Fish and Wildlife Service:** \$1.417 billion, \$86 million above 2007 and \$130 million above the President's request.
- **Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT):** \$233 million for payments to local governments that help offset losses in property taxes due to nontaxable federal lands within their boundaries.
- **Bureau of Land Management:** \$1.046 billion for land stewardship activities such as recreation, trails, law enforcement, wildlife and fisheries, and wild horses.
- **U.S. Geological Survey:** \$1.033 billion, \$50 million above 2007 and \$58 million above President's request for core research into areas such as earthquakes, geography, hydrology and stream gauges, and biological research.

**U.S. FOREST SERVICE:** \$2.593 billion, \$92 million above 2007 and \$355 million above the President's request, not including previously mentioned funds for fire.

- **State and Private Forestry:** \$280 million, \$1 million above 2007 and \$78 million above President's request to help manage over 500 million acres of non-federal forest lands.
- **National Forest System:** \$1.506 billion, \$54 million above 2007 and \$162 million above President's request to manage public lands in national forests and grasslands. Other increases above the request include \$30 million for road maintenance and \$11 million for trail maintenance.

#### **RELATED AGENCIES AND POLICIES**

- **Smithsonian:** \$652 million, \$18 million above 2007 and \$26 million below the President's request. This includes \$536 million for operational costs, a freeze at the 2007 level and \$35 million below the President's request, based on significant problems of governance and fiscal policies at the Institution.
- **National Endowments for the Arts and the Humanities:** \$160 million for the National Endowment for the Arts for the National Endowment for the Humanities, \$19 million over 2007, to help these programs to recover from deep cuts over the last decade.
- **Moratoria on Offshore Drilling:** Maintains longstanding moratoria on energy development on the Outer Continental Shelf carried since the mid-1980's.

#### **SIGNIFICANT CUTS**

- \$193 million cut from construction accounts due to large unobligated balances. This includes \$96 million from the Park Service.
- Eliminates \$31 million for the landowner incentive and private stewardship programs in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service because these programs duplicate work being done by state wildlife grant programs.
- \$39 million cut from EPA Mexican border program due to large un-obligated balances.
- \$24 million cut from EPA Alaska village's set-aside that is \$5 million below the request.
- \$24 million cut from Indian land consolidation.

#### **Committee Documents:**

[Summary: FY 2008 Interior and The Environment Bill](#)

#### **House Report:**

HTML Version, PDF Version

#### **Full Committee Mark-up:**

Full Committee Meeting, Interior and the Environment Markup – FY 2008 Appropriations, June 7, 2007

[National Journal Report](#)

**Summary of Committee Votes:**

- Rep. Peterson End of Drilling Moratorium in Outer Continental Shelf Amendment – would have allowed natural gas drilling beyond 25 miles from the U.S. coastline, effectively ending a long-standing moratorium on drilling that exists on most of the coastline at that distance.  
**Rejected 25-39: R 23-6; D 2-33.**
- Rep. Walsh Rural Water Technical Assistance Grants Amendment – added language to the committee report urging the EPA to expedite the process for making grants for rural water technical assistance, with the expectation that the agency will complete the process no later than Dec. 31, 2007. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Olver California Emissions Waiver from the EPA Amendment – added language to the committee report encouraging the EPA to issue a decision on the State of California's December 2005 petition for a waiver to enact car emissions standards that would reduce greenhouse gases from vehicles by 30 percent by 2016. The committee expects the waiver by Dec. 31, 2007 and if the EPA is unable to issue a decision, the committee expects the agency to provide the reason why and a timeline for completion of review. The amendment explains that the state of California has developed standards for greenhouse gas emissions from cars, light-duty trucks and medium-duty passenger vehicles and at least 11 other states are considering adopting the same. **Adopted, as Amended, by Voice Vote**
  - Rep. Tiahrt, Amendment to an Amendment – struck the word "favorable" from a request for a response from the EPA regarding emissions standards in California.  
**Adopted by Voice Vote**
- Rep. Hinchey Royalty Re-negotiation for New Leases Amendment – prohibits funds in the bill from being used to issue any new lease authorizing production of oil or natural gas to any oil or gas company that holds an existing lease that does not pay royalties based on market price. **Adopted by Voice Vote.**
- Rep. Hinchey Bristol Bay Environmental Studies Amendment – added language to the committee report directing the Minerals Management Service (MMS) to work with the U.S. Geological Survey to evaluate and make recommendations on currently available, state-of-the-art oil spill containment technology, and other available infrastructure, including oceanic monitoring and data collection systems, to respond quickly to oil spills in Bristol Bay, Alaska. New leases are planned to allow drilling in the Outer Continental Shelf of Bristol Bay.  
**Adopted 33-30: R 3-26; D 30-4.**
- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

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- **Vote to Report:** Favorably Reported to the House of Representatives, as Amended, by **Voice Vote.**

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